

TODAY IN SOCIETY

British Celebrate Queen's Birthday

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Even the "Queen's weather" couldn't spoil Queen Elizabeth's birthday celebration here yesterday at the British Embassy.

In England, it has rained for almost every important occasion during the young monarch's three-year reign. Alas, this unfortunate tradition now seems to have followed the British to foreign lands.

Actually, Queen Elizabeth's birthday is April 21; but the British have traditionally celebrated every sovereign's birthday on the second Thursday in June, ironically enough, because the weather is better!

A Social Highlight

In Washington, the British Embassy's garden party on this national holiday is one of the highlights of the season.

But for yesterday's hosts, the British Ambassador and Lady Makins, the chill and drizzle called for a departure from tradition.

Receiving with their twin daughters, Cynthia and Mollie, the Makins greeted more than 1,000 guests, most of whom stayed inside.

However, in keeping with the spirit of the occasion, many women wore huge garden party hats and a few men, among them Mr. Elovius Mangor of the Norwegian Embassy, even came in morning dress.

And there was no paucity of champagne and the delicious strawberries and "Devonshire" cream customarily served at English garden parties.

Strawberry Mystery

A number of guests tried to find out where the British Embassy gets these marvelous strawberries each year. Evidently this information is so top secret only Lady Makins knows—and she won't tell.

One of the nicest things about this party was the way officers of the Embassy and their wives assisted the guests.

Instead of that awkward pause after one has gone through the receiving line and is looking for the bar and the food—there was always a staff member waiting with champagne and strawberries in

But they carried their duties even further and saw to it that guests met each other—all of this, incidentally, done in a smooth, seemingly effortless manner.

Early Arrivals

Chief of Protocol John Simons was one of the first arrivals.

He had to make a 10 o'clock train to Princeton for his class reunion. (He refused to say which one it was.)

Following closely behind were Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Evans, Mrs. Charles Wilson, Admiral and Mrs. Thomas Kinkaid, the Minister of Luxembourg, and Mme. Le Gallais, Mrs. George Humparey and Mrs. Arthur Summerfield.

The largest picture hat seen belonged to Mrs. Morris Cafritz. It was pink straw and the identical shade of her pink organdie dress. She said husband Morris had disapproved of her ensemble for such a cold

day, but she wore it all the same.

Mrs. John Foster Dulles and Mrs. Allen Dulles were together and Mrs. Frances Perkins and Mrs. J. Borden Harriman were in a conversational huddle.

Notes on Gate Crashers

Mrs. Holloway, wife of the South African Ambassador, said there were six gate crashers at her last party, one of whom had sent her a superb box of chocolates thanking her for such a nice time.

The Norwegian Ambassador and Mme. Munthe de Morgenstierne were accompanied by their daughter, Mrs. Marjorie Coleman, and the Brazilian Ambassador and Mme. Muniz reported they are planning a large party for June 21.

The John Grahams and Leslie Biffles were there, as were the Herman Phlegers, Mrs. McCook Knox, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Foley, Mr. and Mrs. F. Moran McConihe, Mrs. Randall Hagner, Mrs. Robert Low Bacon, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Woods Bliss, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Carroll Glover, jr., Mr. and Mrs. William S. Culbert-

son, Maj. Gen. Howard C. Davidson, Lady Lewis and the Arthur Cottons.

Gen. and Mrs. Matthew Ridgway came by, as did Lt. Gen. and Mrs. Charles Cabell, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar A. Mowrer, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Richmond, Mr. and Mrs. Juan Ceballos, Mrs. Chapman Rose, Mr. and Mrs. Conger Pratt, Mr. and Mrs. William Bundy, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Geyelin and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Kauffmann.

From Capitol Hill

From Capitol Hill were Mrs. Lyndon Johnson, Senators Paul Douglas, Clinton Anderson and Willis Robertson, and Representatives Robert Hale, George Mahon, Hale Boggs and John Phillips.

From the diplomatic corps were nearly all the chiefs of mission, and still others were Secretary of the Army Robert Stevens, Deputy Secretary Charles Finucane, Admiral and Mrs. C. Griffith Warfield, and the Myron Cowens.